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### ***Historic Signing Of No-Raid Pact***

RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg joined leaders of 95 other AFL and CIO unions in signing no-raiding agreement. Shown with him is Exec. Sec'y Jack Paley. (See feature on Page 7.)

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DEPT. STORE**

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## 211 Years at New Haven Clock Co.!



TOTAL OF 211 YEARS of service at New Haven Clock Co. is represented in the years of employment there of 1 to r., Tom McGuinness (50 years at New Haven), Kathleen Sullivan (56), Emma Weber (49), and Rudy Weinz (53). They're all members of RWDSU Local 459, and are looking forward to a pension setup for their plant won through their Union.

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—An effective pension program is no "pie-in-the-sky" matter to senior employees of the 130-year-old New Haven Clock Co., many of whom look to retirement in the near future. They feel their many years of service to the company have earned them the right to an adequate pension when they do retire.

Take the four people in the photo above. Tom McGuinness began working for the company in 1901, Kathleen Sullivan in 1898, Emma Weber in 1905, and Rudy Weinz in 1901.

Their combined service adds up to 211 years!

RWDSU Local 459, with a history of 14 years of contractual relations with the company, is fully aware of the problem of its older members and has already taken steps to win a full-fledged pension program in next year's contract negotiations.

Meanwhile, an interim pension plan will take care of those who retire before the final program is worked out.

Judging by the youthful-looking foursome above, New Haven must be a fine place to work and live in!

## Entrants in Name Contest

Following are the RWDSU members who submitted entries for the "Name Your Union Paper Contest." The winning name, of course, is the Record. The prize of a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond was shared by two members, each of whom submitted The Record.

**WINNERS:** Harold Sambursky, New York City; N. J. Oxenreiter, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**NEW YORK CITY:** Herman Morgenstern, Anna Lion, Sylvia Trotiner, Abraham Rechter, Benjamin Langer, Samuel Schreiber, Samuel Rosen, Henry Dicov, Edwin Scher, Marilyn Payne, Jack Talan, Molly Hakoun, Victor Peragine, Annie Shinske, Sadie Lada, B. Klotzkin, E. Arocha Jr., David Bigel, Milan Solar, Louis Friedensen, Joe D'Allegro, Michael Lench, William Moskowitz, Al Homeiser, Clifford Foley.

Also, Dorothy Vega, Anne Ascher, Oscar Lempit, Roslyn Moscovitz, Irving Kane, Abe Shapiro, Louis Clark, Solomon Pollack, Harry Rothenberg, Emanuel Everett, G. Hollingsworth, David Siegel, Harold Brown, Bea Garber, Al Silver, David Solomon, Jean Epstein, Julius Weinberg, Morris Steiner, Ben Silverman, Harry Morris, Selma Rosen, Joe Levine,

Also, Murray Weissman, Ben Lurchen, Robert Heifler, S. Stackwell, Eddy Gross, Carlos Adorno, William Cantor, Harry Brecher, Beatrice Schlienger, Eugene Ash, Sylvia Slatin, Samuel Katz, Ruth Schepes, F. Colangeli, Robert Forbes, M. Magid, Mitzi Rushin, S. Drobkin, Elsie Randall, Daniel Weitz, Sam Katz, Lipson LeBlanc, Morris Victor, Warren Tait, Hedwig Dammann, Philip Reisman, Max Lieberman.

Also Nathan Satler, Aaron Yadaff, Paul Heffer, Richard Dubron, Arthur Kaufman, Leonard Kronfeld, Meyer Plotkin, Marvin Levy, A. Solomon, Edward Reilly, Irving Beerman, Morris Bender, Jacob Bell, Howard Berkley, D. J. Merems, H. Chernigoff, Louis Christina, Joseph Weinberg, Morris Shapiro, Edmund Dutkiewicz, Jack Shenkman, Sam Silverang, Samuel Kopinsky, H. Cooper, Louis Neibreif, Irving Brah.

**NORTHEAST:** New Haven, Conn.: Mrs. Ernest Velardi; Attleboro, Mass.: Harlow George, Sam Fitton, Fred Crooks; Leominster, Mass.: Salvatore Perla; Farmingdale, New Jersey: Ethel Urkoff; Newark, New Jersey: Herman Blair, Nat Falter, Samuel Goldstein, Martha Whittiel; Union City, New Jersey: Daniel Tortorello; Philadelphia, Pa.: Edward Schmidt, Harry Abramson.

**MIDWEST:** Chicago, Ill.: Ernest Foxx, Irene Zaport, Joseph Spitzer; Cedar Rapids, Iowa: Mrs. Joe Bednar, Lydia Krez, Cincinnati, Ohio: Virginia Schnell, Mavis Barrett, W. A. Tewart; Hamilton, Ohio: Donald Jerrette; Newark, Ohio: Roy Browning; Glendale, West Virginia: William Iams, Huntington, West Virginia: Alfred Farmer.

**SOUTH:** Greenville, North Carolina: Lulu Maxwell; Charleston, South Carolina: Jake Greene; Suffolk, Virginia: Lock Parker; Birmingham, Alabama: Margaret May.

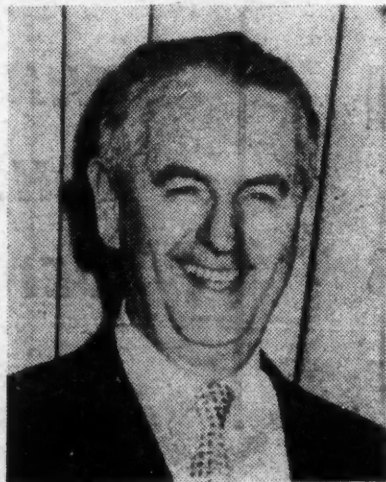
**CANADA:** Sydney, Nova Scotia: Vince MacDonald; Regina, Saskatchewan: John Deneschuk.

## Martin Kyne in Erin

RWDSU Secretary-Treasurer Martin C. Kyne is vacationing in Ireland. Accompanied by his niece, Mary, he left by plane on Wednesday, July 7.

Kyne will visit his birthplace in Tuam, County Galway, and will renew old acquaintances with friends and relatives in Galway, Dublin and other parts of the Emerald Isle.

He last visited Ireland several years ago en route from a convention of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions which he attended as a CIO delegate.



MARTIN C. KYNE

## AFL Leader Proposes Joint Organizing Drive

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Alex Rose, President of the AFL Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers, has proposed that four AFL and CIO apparel unions pool their organizing resources and act jointly to stop the flight of mills to non-union areas.

In addition to the Hatters, Rose's proposal includes the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL), the International Handbag, Luggage, Belt and Novelty Workers Union, (AFL), and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (CIO).

Rose suggested that the unions establish a joint organizing department. They have a total membership of close to one million.

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**UNION MESSAGE** is brought to door of Piqua Products plant in Ohio. Leaflet distribution to employees answered management's last ditch arguments. Vote for RWDSU-CIO defeated decertification attempt, showed great increase over first certification ballot last year.

# Ohio Plant Of Pepsi-Cola Joins RWDSU

PORTSMOUTH, O.—A quiet organizing campaign under way at the Pepsi-Cola plant here since May, is due to reach a climax on July 27 with an order from the National Labor Relations Board for a representation election to be held on that date, Int'l Rep. Eugene Ingles reported.

The Board has ordered that all categories of the 75 employees will vote in the election, and victory for RWDSU Local 612 would include driver-salesmen, production and maintenance employees as members of the union. Hours for the election are 6:45 a.m. until 9 a.m. the next day, so that all shifts can cast their ballots.

Since the Board decision, the Local 612

organizing committee at the Pepsi-Cola plant has launched a full-scale sign-up campaign under the leadership of Area Dir. Jerry Hughes, who has been heading the drive.

Among the organizing committee members are the temporarily elected officers of the unit, including a chairman, vice-chairman and executive secretary.

Contact with the newly organized firm was made through Jim William, Local 612 member and chairman of the Borden Dairy unit.

## Ohio Toy Plant Votes RWDSU

PIQUA, O.—A move to decertify Local 250 RWDSU as the union of nearly 300 employees of Piqua Products was decisively squashed July 2, as the employees turned thumbs down on a company union and reaffirmed their desire to remain in RWDSU by a vote of 141 to 109 in an NLRB-conducted election, Int'l Rep. Eugene Ingles reported.

Negotiations on a new contract, which were interrupted by the decertification attempt just before the May 24 merger Convention of RWDSU, PJN and DPO, are to resume as soon as the members have met to discuss new contract demands.

The plant, which manufactures toys, was organized into the former Plaything, Jewelry & Novelty Workers Union about a year ago.

The company-inspired decertification move got under way several months ago but with the affiliation of PJN with RWDSU, the powerful new international union began an intensive campaign to re-establish Local 250 as the union of the Piqua employees.

Accusations that the Piqua workers had no interest in keeping their union were quickly scotched when the rank and file local leadership, under the direction of RWDSU Vice-Pres. Dale Buckius and Int'l Reps. Ingles, Ed Rosenhahn, Edgar

homes of members, where the issues were discussed on an individual basis, special membership meetings and handing out of leaflets at plant entrances.

As a result, Ingles pointed out, in the face of intensive company propaganda efforts, the Piqua employees reaffirmed their desire to keep Local 250 by an even greater margin than that recorded a year ago in the original representation ballot.

"It is clear," RWDSU Vice-Pres. Buckius said, "that the greater unity of the Piqua employees in RWDSU will have a strong effect on the results of the coming contract negotiations, helping to assure really good progress."

### "How Union Was Saved At Piqua Toy Plant"

—See Foto-Story on Page 15

Johnson and Charles Hess, took an active part in the campaign to keep Local 250.

Led by Pres. Zeno Norris, the local leadership participated in visits to the

## 10c Raise Won at Boston Pepsi-Cola

BOSTON—A contract victory at Pepsi-Cola in Boston, Mass. was reported by Joseph Honan, president of the New England Joint Board of the RWDSU.

The 600 workers met June 23 to ratify a new contract which provides wage increases of ten cents an hour across the board plus company payment for cleaning and repair of driver-salesmen's uniforms.

Honan, who led the negotiations, said the new contract rates and other benefits make the RWDSU Pepsi-Cola employees the highest paid in the New England area's soft drink industry.

Others on the negotiating committee were Business Rep. Hugh McCaffrey and Stewards Gene Ryan and Joseph Covell. The agreement is retroactive to June 1.

# Leaders Meet With Dixie Locals

The first in a series of visits to RWDSU locals in various regions by top officers of the International began last week when Organization Dir. Alvin E. Heaps and Exec. Vice-Pres. Arthur Osman left on a tour of the South that was to take them to locals in Suffolk and Newport News, Va., Charleston, S. C., and Dade City, Fla., and later to Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Louisiana.

Designed to carry out the RWDSU Convention mandate to consolidate and strengthen the combined forces of the new RWDSU, these visits will serve two important purposes:

- To enable the top officers and the members of the three formerly separate international unions to get to know each other better.

- To permit the RWDSU leaders to come to grips with some of the immediate problems facing the locals.

Two additional trips planned to take place before the end of July will find Heaps traveling through New England, accompanied by Exec. Vice-Pres. Alex Bail, while Osman continues traveling through the South, where he is expected to join Vice-Pres. Frank Parker and visit locals in Birmingham and Gadsden, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga.

Osman also plans to meet with RWDSU members in Memphis, Tenn., and New Orleans, La., while on this trip.

The initial swing South by Heaps and Osman began on Monday, July 12, when the two officers left for Virginia. There they were to meet with local officers and members of Local 26 in Suffolk, known as the "peanut capital of the world," and also to stop at Local 27 in Newport News, where the small but growing local recently won an NLRB election in a newly organized food plant.

The 2,000-member Suffolk local, with contracts in the big Planter's Peanut Co. and other peanut firms, is famous throughout the Suffolk community simply as "The Union", and its fine air-conditioned headquarters is used by most of

the city's clubs and fraternal organizations for their social functions.

The RWDSU local is also highly regarded in the community for its many services, and especially for the fact that, through the '65' Security Plan, the union has raised Suffolk's health standards and brought about hospital improvements which the Suffolk medical profession has highly praised.

Moving further south, the two RWDSU leaders were to stop in Charleston, S. C., to visit Local 15, whose members work in the big American Tobacco cigar plant there. Led by officers and rank and file leaders such as John Cummings, Eliza-

beth Porter, Marie Hodges, Ernest Ferrel, Nan Carter and others, and aided by Int'l Rep. Irving Lebold, the Local 15 RWDSUers have brought the plant to nearly 100% union membership for the first time in its history.

A special subject of discussion between the RWDSU officers and Local 15 leaders was to be the possible purchase of the former VFW hall which the local now rents as headquarters from the veterans' organization.

Thursday, July 15, the two men were due in Dade City, Fla., where Local 43 represents the employees of the world's biggest citrus fruit cannery, Pasco Packing Co. There Heaps was to meet the officers and other members of the local, which grows to some 2,000 members when the citrus packing season hits its full stride. The following week Exec. Vice-Pres. Osman and Exec. Sec. Jack Paley are to meet with the company to discuss payment of the automatic five cent hourly increase provided for in last year's contract settlement.

The provision gives the company the right to refuse to pay the increase and the union has the right, if that occurs, to cancel the contract and strike. It is understood the company wants a revision in the automatic wage increase and is holding back on paying in accordance with the contract. The talks will try to avoid the necessity for the union to exercise its right to strike.



ALVIN E. HEAPS



ARTHUR OSMAN



# No Relief As GOP Tax Bill Passes

WASHINGTON—The Administration's tax bill, with no tax relief for the great bulk of the population, now awaits a Senate-House conference and the signature of President Eisenhower before becoming law.

The bill was a corporation bonanza. At least three attempts to secure some lowering of taxes for people with less income were defeated in the Senate.

The special tax break for stockholders was kept in the bill but watered down. Now stockholders will be relieved of paying their first \$50 of taxes on income from stocks, but won't get higher deduction in following years.

## Business Breaks Stand

An effort to cut down special allowances made to oil and gas companies was defeated. Another move to cut down the special tax breaks to companies under the accelerated amortization program was also defeated.

An effort by Democrats, backed by organized labor, to increase the individual exemptions from \$600 to \$700 under the income tax provisions, was blocked by the Administration in a wild period of maneuvering.

Fearful that they would not be able to block the Democratic move, the Republicans countered with a proposal, introduced by Sen. Eugene Milliken of Colorado, to save each taxpayer \$20.

Apparently believing that they could still pass their amendment for greater benefits, the Democrats opposed the Republican plan. It was defeated by 49 to 46. Then the Republicans turned right around and defeated the Democratic proposal by the exact same count of 49 to 46.

For the record, 95 Senators can tell their constituents that they voted for a general income tax cut—but the taxpayers aren't saying a penny.

## 'Wait Till Next Year'

"Next Spring" is now the target date when the Eisenhower Administration hopes to see improved unemployment compensation laws come from the states.

Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams in a recent letter to CIO Pres. Walter P. Reuther, said he expected the states will give full consideration to measures needed to increase weekly benefits and duration of payments when their legislatures meet next year.

# Labor News Roundup

## JOBLESS FIGURES TOO HIGH: CIO

Employment figures for June, released recently and hailed with glee by Administration leaders, reflect "at best a picture of economic stagnation," the CIO said.

Farm employment accounted for most of the 989,000 rise in the number of jobholders last month. Unemployment early in June was up 42,000 over May's figure for a total of 3,347,000.

CIO Pres. Walter P. Reuther challenged the cheery statement of Commerce Sec. Weeks that the U. S. is over the hump of rising unemployment and that the trend has been "decisively reversed."

It is "dangerously unrealistic," Reuther pointed out, to draw comfort from the statistics released by the Commerce and Labor Depts. The figures show, he said, "that the weak areas of the economy remain weak and there are, as yet, no signs of prosperity rounding the corner."

Weeks expressed gratification at the trend shown by the figures. The number of jobless, he conceded, "was much higher than we would like to see it." Employment now stands at 1.8 million fewer jobs than in June 1953, an all-time high.

"The June figures cannot hide the tragic fact of a mass unemployment in America's basic industries and in America's major industrial centers," Reuther warned.

Nor, he went on, do the June figures reflect the widespread under-employment and economic hardship being experienced by millions of American workers who are working short weeks, nor do the unemployment figures reflect those who are temporarily laid off.

"Despite whatever justification the Administration may attempt to wring from . . . these latest figures for its policy of delay and inaction, the new employment and unemployment figures show no signs of recovery from our present recession," Reuther said.

He added that the "need grows more imperative daily" of the Administration to face its responsibilities under the Employment Act of 1946 by "taking vigorous affirmative action."

## NLRB ORDERS PAYROLL DATA

WASHINGTON—The NLRB has ordered by a 4 to 1 ruling that an employer must furnish payroll data to a union for collective bargaining purposes.

The ruling declared "it is sufficient that the information is related to the issue involved in collective bargaining, and . . . no specific need as to a particular issue must be shown."

The ruling is in line with those made by previous Boards which had Democratic-appointed majorities.

Albert C. Beeson, whose appointment to the Board was strongly fought by labor, cast the no vote.

## Anyone For Harvard?

Scholarships for the 13-week Harvard University trade union program courses, valued at approximately \$1,000 for tuition, fees, board and room, are currently available to union officers and members. Executive Dir. Clinton S. Golden announced last week.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of work experience, trade union activity and letters of recommendation. Applications or requests for information should be in at least six weeks before the starting dates of the sessions. Sept. 15 and Feb. 23.

## TEXTILE UNIONS TALK MERGER

Merger of the CIO and AFL textile unions loomed as a possibility following a meeting recently in New York City.

No commitments were made by either side as top officials of the CIO Textile Workers and the AFL United Textile Workers conferred on amalgamation chances. Considerable time was also spent discussing implementation of the recent no-raiding agreement signed by CIO and AFL unions.

A TWUA spokesman described the meeting as "friendly in tone and exploratory in nature." Arrangements were made for further meetings.

## COUNTRY NEEDS MORE CUSTOMERS

WASHINGTON—Unless wage and salary workers get pay increases so they can buy more of the products of our factories, the American economy is heading down the road that led to the 1929 depression according to the current CIO Economic Outlook.

"The wage increases to be negotiated this year in collective bargaining and an increase in the personal income-tax exemption, taken together in combination, can probably offer the quickest and most direct way of lifting consumer spending," says the Outlook. "They can provide support badly needed for a sagging economy."

In order to make the adjustment necessary, because of the decrease in military expenditures, the Outlook says, the country inevitably "must look to consumers to step in and buy the ever-increasing product of American industry if the nation is to be prosperous."

Yet the wage and salary earners who must buy these products are dropping. Three things are responsible for this loss in income:

1. Rising unemployment. In manufacturing alone this is costing about \$5 billion a year in purchasing power.
2. A decrease of almost an hour and a half in the average work-week, the spread of part-time and under-employment. This alone means a drop of \$2 billion in purchasing power annually.
3. The failure of wages to keep pace with productivity. Real wages are up less than 2 percent over last year, but productivity is up more than 4 percent.

# Union-Busting Brownell Bills Draw Labor Ire

Protests from unions and critical comment from conservative sources were mounting last week as the Republican Administration pushed a bill that would bust unions in the name of anti-communism. Legislation now under discussion in Congress could in effect put unions out of existence if the Subversive Activities Control Board decided a union was "Communist-infiltrated."

The Administration-sponsored bills grew out of proposals by Attorney-General Herbert Brownell, who called for the liquidation of a union or a business on standards such as the following from the language of the House bill: Communist infiltration of a union or other organization would be determined by "the extent to which" the organization's positions "do not deviate from those of" Communists.

RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg joined other CIO and AFL leaders in denouncing the bills.

"As a union whose affiliates and members are thoroughly alert to the dangers of communism," he said, "we are completely opposed to this kind of legislation. Not only is this the wrong way to eliminate Communist influence in the labor movement, but more important, it offers anti-labor forces a ready weapon against all trade unions, and actually increases the power of a tiny Communist clique inside a democratic union. Such a clique, if these bills were passed, could in effect cause the outlawing of the entire union. This tactic is by no means far-fetched nor impossible for even a small group of Communists to carry out if the Republican proposals become law."

The CIO appeared before the House committee con-

sidering this legislation, and stated that it advances "the very threat of totalitarianism" which it is supposed to stop. The CIO's statement pointed out that its position on Communists in unions was a clear demonstration of "how effective a free, militant and democratic trade union movement can be in stifling the Com-

## Bulletin!

As this issue of the RWDSU RECORD went to press, the House Judiciary Committee sidetracked the two Brownell proposals and indicated it favored a study of the subject by a commission composed of representatives of labor, industry and the public. The study plan, favored by both AFL and CIO, was expected to be adopted Thursday, July 15.

Pigeonholing of the Administration proposals was termed both a setback for Eisenhower and a victory for labor forces, which had vigorously opposed them. However, labor leaders warned that continued vigilance was necessary to insure permanent defeat of the union-busting program.

munist conspiracy by methods thoroughly consistent with the due process safeguards of the Constitution."

Noting the similarity of the "Communist-infiltration" bill to legislation previously introduced by Senators Goldwater and Butler and Rep. Velde, the CIO testimony recalled the opposition of the union's Executive Board to those bills. Asst. General Counsel Harris, who presented the CIO arguments, said, "The essence of all

these proposals is for some government agency to screen unions to decide whether they are Communist-dominated" and to forbid the continued operation of such unions.

The CIO brought out that "such government control of who shall and who shall not represent employees perilously parallels the Soviet system of denying independence to trade unions."

AFL statements on these proposals were also strongly critical. Turning to the language of the bills, the AFL pointed out that "Communist-infiltrated" is a new concept. It does not mean Communist front or Communist dominated. It just means having one or more employees on the payroll who might be adjudged by very loose standards to be security risks. If the Board (Subversive Activities Control Board) decided the business or union is "infiltrated," then it would order the complete liquidation of that business or union.

Summing up AFL sentiments on the Brownell proposals and legislation designed to make them law, AFL Pres. George Meany said, "The Goldwater-Rhodes Bill adds up to licensing of unions. It eliminates and destroys unions."

Even the Wall St. Journal, newspaper of big business, felt constrained to remark on the legislation's dangerous potential. It said, "Mr. Brownell's bill contains no safeguards. Indeed, it would have been most difficult to make reference to the Bill of Rights and then attempt to do what this measure suggests. . . It is not the part of wisdom ourselves to chip away at the very rights we seek to save."



# R.H. White Pact Won in Boston

BOSTON, Mass.—The 600 employees of R. H. White, one of Boston's largest department stores, ratified a new contract July 1 which provides wage increases up to \$2.25 a week plus an additional paid holiday, New England Joint Board Pres. Joseph Honan reported.

The increases, coming after lengthy negotiations which stretched over six conferences, are effective four weeks in advance of the previous contract's expiration. The majority of employees received increases averaging \$1.75 while the rest got wage boosts of \$1 a week.

The new pact is to run for two years, with a reopener at the end of a year.

Members of the negotiating committee of Local 295, which was headed by Honan, included Business Rep. Katherine Lloyd, Mary Donahue, Thomas Egan, Margaret Conroy, Edith Egan, Mary Kenny, Mary Duffey, Lillian Smith, Catherine McAuliffe, Ann Galvin, Margaret Hutchinson, Eleanor Manetta, Mary Devine, Mary Famalare, Walter Billings and Walter Danielson.

The R. H. White RWDSU members enjoy the finest conditions among department store workers in Boston, Honan said. These include 1% commission rates, compared to ½% rates at other stores, the five day-40 hour week, and a vacation plan of two weeks after one year, three weeks after five years and four weeks after ten years' service.

Also, paid holidays and a welfare plan



JOSEPH HONAN

Announces R. H. White Dept. Store Pact

providing life insurance and sick benefits up to two thirds of pay round out their working conditions.

## Union News Settlement Won At Terminals on Strike Eve

NEW YORK CITY—A strike of 450 employees of Union News Company was narrowly averted when an agreement was reached only a few hours before the deadline of midnight, June 30, it was reported by RWDSU Vice-Pres. Joseph McCarthy, president of Local 906. The settlement provides for a \$2.50 per week increase for all clerks.

The new contract, covering employees of newsstands and luncheonettes operated by the company at major transportation terminals throughout the metropolitan area, will run until Sept. 30, 1955.

Other provisions of the agreement remaining in effect provide a five-day week for all employees, two weeks paid vacation, seven paid holidays, and a welfare plan that provides full hospitalization and up to \$4,000 life insurance.

The settlement was unanimously ratified at a meeting of Union News employees at the Hotel Capitol on June 30.

Negotiations were led by McCarthy, with the assistance of Bus. Agent William Goldweber, Organizer Joseph O'Brien and committee members George Rohn, Leo Pasquale, Sal Moscarello, John Cattano, Morris Greene, Jack Simon, Nathan Edelman, Benjamin Edelson, Patrick Russell, Thomas Conroy, Dominick Manzo, Morris Scharf, Dominick Bossi, Samuel Krangle, J. Weiss, Frank Tursi, and Paul Ciccarella.

Attorney Max Goldweber served as legal counsel for Local 906 throughout the negotiations.

A typographical error in the last issue of RWDSU RECORD in the story on Schulte severance pay awards caused Local 906 to be referred to as "Local 506." The RECORD is glad to make this correction.

## Got a Feature in Your Local?

The RWDSU RECORD is seeking material for feature articles and photo layouts.

What kind of material? Almost anything that has human interest, or that tells a story about your union or one or more of its members.

We'll welcome ideas, suggestions and recommendations. Send 'em in by postcard, special delivery, telephone or telegram.

We'll take it from there!



RECORD Photo by Lynn Bortnick  
GAVEL IS TURNED OVER to Pres. Max Greenberg in symbolic gesture at installation ceremonies of District 65. At left is '65' Exec. Vice-Pres. Jack Paley, and at right, Sec.-Treas. Cleveland Robinson and Organization Dir. Bill Michelson.

## Greenberg Installs District 65 Officers

NEW YORK CITY—Before an overflow turnout of 1,000 District 65 stewards at their July General Council meeting in the '65' Center, RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg installed the newly elected '65' officers to their posts for the coming two years.

Background for the impressive swearing-in ceremony was the fact that each officer, led by Pres. David Livingston, had been re-elected by a record high ballot. The vote by more than 18,000 65ers meant that better than nine of every ten eligible members had cast secret ballots in an election that typified democratic trade union practices.

Pres. Greenberg, in his remarks before the ceremony, pointed out that District 65 comprises the largest single unit of the 65,000 RWDSU members in Metropolitan New York membership. Because of its size, he said, and "because you in '65' have the kind of spirit which built a fine organization like this, the RWDSU will look to you for help in building a huge international union we can all be proud of."

### Sweep for Officers

The top officers of the District were swept into office. Livingston was elected by a vote of 16,217 "yes" votes to 742 "no", and Sec.-Treas. Cleveland Robinson by 14,871 "yes" to 911 "no."

Exec. Vice-Pres. Jack Paley received 14,846 votes to 1,417 for his opponent, while Organization Dir. Bill Michelson received 14,175 to 1,812 for his opponent.

Pres. Livingston, in his closing remarks to the Council, characterized the opposition campaign as "an attempt by the

small and thoroughly discredited Communist group in the union to capture whatever anti-union vote exists among our rank and file."

The members dealt with this danger, he declared, pointing out that the votes of the opposition candidates in this election were actually lower than in the District-wide elections two years ago, when the Communists ran no candidates but conducted a "no" vote campaign.

Livingston said, "the results show that our members brushed them aside as they once again wholeheartedly endorsed the policies which guide our Union."

He then turned to "things which represent not only an unpleasant annoyance, but real danger." Livingston drew attention to the legislation pending in Congress which, behind the mask of anti-communism, would destroy any trade union charged on the flimsiest evidence with being "Communist-infiltrated."

He warned that the bills had a chance of passage despite AFL and CIO opposition, and called for all-out dedication to the program set forth at the District Convention last month, stressing particularly the need for many thousands of members to pitch in on all phases of running the Union.

## Ruling Aids Nettleton Strike

NEW YORK CITY—The eighteenth month of the strike being conducted at Nettleton Shoe Co. stores by Retail Shoe Employees Local 1268 was marked by news of a favorable decision from the NLRB, Bus. Mgr. Joseph Binenbaum and Bus. Rep. David Geisler reported.

The NLRB in Washington notified Local 1268 July 2 that it was upholding the decision of the trial examiner finding the Nettleton Co. guilty of unfair labor practices.

The union organized the chain more than two years ago and began negotiations in the summer of 1952. With all possibilities of a peaceful settlement exhausted, a strike was called against Nettleton's three New York stores Jan. 6, 1953.

In order to prevent the company from making use of Taft-Hartley provisions which give scabs the right to vote in NLRB elections, the union filed unfair

labor practice charges on the grounds that the company refused to bargain and to recognize '1268' as the employees' collective bargaining agent.

The charges were filed in August 1953, and on Feb. 11, 1954, the trial examiner handed down his decision finding the company guilty. The latest ruling by the NLRB upholds the trial examiner's decision.

The decision requires Nettleton to "cease and desist from interrogating its employees" with regard to their union membership. It must also bargain with Local 1268, reinstate all strikers and fire all scabs hired since the strike began.

Geisler paid tribute to union attorney Arthur Garfinkel of the law firm of Markewich, Rosenhaus & Markewich for his excellent presentation of the case. He added that the union would continue its strike against Nettleton until it succeeds in winning a contract with the chain.



## New York & Northeast

# 300 Gain Increases In Scale Co. Pact

QUINCY, Mass.—Three hundred employees of the Pneumatic Scale Co. scored substantial gains in a new one year contract with the company, it was reported by RWDSU Vice-Pres. Joseph H. Honan, president of the New England Joint Board.

## 1-Day Buffalo Walkout Won

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The 50 employees of the Great Lakes Paper Stock Co. settled a one-day strike July 2, when the company agreed to restore a five cents an hour general wage adjustment and pay half the cost of a health care and hospitalization plan, Int'l Rep. Tom Evans reported.

The strike, while brief, was effective and was featured by cooperation from AFL Teamsters on deliveries to the plant. Evans laid the strike's success to this cooperation plus thorough picketing of the company's sources of supply.

### State Board Helps

The settlement was reached with the help of a representative of the State Mediation Board.

Result of the settlement is that wage rates at Great Lakes far exceed those paid elsewhere in the industry. Drivers, balers, fork lift operators and maintenance men now get \$1.63 an hour, helpers get \$1.48 and sorters earn \$1.09 an hour.

Evans pointed to this situation as making organization of the competing plants necessary.

On their return to work Saturday, July 3, the workers received premium pay, Evans said, even though the contract specifies such pay for Saturday work will only be paid when there is no absence during the preceding week.

New benefits of the agreement include a general 5c per hour increase and three weeks vacation with pay after fifteen years of service as compared to the former requirements of twenty years service. Also secured were hospital benefits for members and their dependents increased from \$10 to \$12 per day, and reimbursement for additional hospital charges increased from \$50 to \$120.

The negotiating committee consisted of Honan, Jt. Bd. Rep. Hugh McCaffrey, Henry Cottell, Matthew Smith, Robert Mycue, Harold Kreitman, Chief Steward Steven Valchunas and Joseph DeVecchio.

## Negotiations On at Two Boston Jewelry Shops

BOSTON, Mass.—Negotiations on contract reopeners are under way between the New England Joint Board of RWDSU and two jewelry shops, Joint Board Pres. Joseph Honan reported.

Demands of the employees of Kay Jewelry include reduction in the work week from 48 to 40 hours and five days for the salesmen plus improvements in the wage schedule and other changes for the women employees. The negotiating committee, led by Honan, includes Shop Stewards Robert Fucille and Carl Sorin.

At Rogers Jewelry, Honan said, the workers were prepared to submit the reopener to arbitration if the company failed to make an adequate offer. Participating in the negotiations are Dorothy Duncan, Lillian Abbott, James Sullivan, Robert Custozza and Max Berman.

## Rich Gets Law Degree

BOSTON—Employer attorneys take heed! Irving J. Rich, staff member of the New England Joint Board of RWDSU, has received his diploma from law school, the RECORD has been informed.

Rich will take the Massachusetts Bar examination in December.

# '65' Union Store Wins Acclaim

By EILEEN FANTINO

NEW YORK CITY—As sales in District 65's Consumer Service reached an all-time high during the month of June, this union-owned and operated store—whose only customers are union members—won attention in the columns of leading newspapers. Articles have appeared in the World-Telegram and Sun, Women's Wear Daily and Retailing Daily, while the City College of New York undertook a study of the store for its Business Administration publication.

In June, sales volume broke all records going over \$164,000, with a total of more than 29,500 individual sales, it was reported by Murray Levine, manager of the union store. Approximately 30% in savings were realized by members in these purchases.

The store occupies the entire eighth floor of District 65's eleven-story headquarters at 13 Astor Place. It is a self-service operation, one of the very few in existence outside of the retail food industry. The average savings of 30% are made possible by expert management and buying, as well as a large committee of rank and file members who devote one night a week each to

assisting in all phases of Consumer Service operation.

This union-run department store.. supermarket draws heavy traffic from the thousands of members who visit the building each week to attend meetings, pay dues and participate in union activities.

### Sharp Growth in Items

As the store has grown, new merchandise has been added to increase its value to the members. Items include housewares, linens, jewelry, toilet articles, toys, infants' wear, ladies' and men's apparel, lingerie, luggage, outdoor furniture, etc. More items are added every month to the wide variety of goods available.

An indication of the tremendous growth which has taken place, and the increase in savings that has been made possible, is the rise in sales volume from \$425,000 in 1951 to well over \$1,000,000 for 1953. This year it is expected to reach \$1,-



Photo by Henry Plotnik

Liggett Drug chain employees vote approval of new contract at meeting Thursday, July 8. Eleventh hour settlement avoided strike of 325 employees in 14 New York City stores. Two year contract provides \$4 raise, beginning of a pension and other gains.

# \$4 Raise Averts Strike at Liggett Drug Chain in N.Y.

NEW YORK CITY—Enthusiastically hailing the agreement as "the best in our history," Liggett members of Retail Drug Employees Union, Local 1199 unanimously ratified a \$5.50 package at membership meetings July 8.

The contract, which runs for two years and covers 325 employees in 14 Liggett drug stores in New York City, parallels a similar agreement signed at the Whelan drug chain the previous week. It provides for:

- Wage increases of \$4 per week for every full time Liggett employee. Part timers will receive a 10c hourly wage hike.
- Coverage of Liggett members by the 1199 Pension Plan. (The company will begin contributing ½% of payroll on Oct. 1, 1954 to be increased to 2% one year later.)
- Absorption by the company of ½% payments by the workers to the 1199 Benefit Plan. The company will now pay the full 3% to the Plan.
- Increases in the minimum hiring rates ranging from \$3.50 to \$4 in all categories.
- Free food for porters.
- One additional paid holiday over a two-year period.

The agreement was signed following conferences between union and management representatives at the New York State Board of Mediation. The conferences were called as Liggett members were preparing to strike to win their demands.

A secret ballot strike vote at an emergency meeting on Friday, July 2 resulted in a unanimous vote to strike unless the company agreed to the same terms as had been signed at Whelan earlier that week. The vote was 191 to 0.

Vice-Pres. William J. Taylor, Division Directors George Glotzer and William Anderson and Organizer Karl Rath headed the negotiating committee, which included Harry Berkeley, Gene D'Ambria, Ed Campbell, Arthur O'Toole, Sam Shapiro, George Coulahan, Sam Berry, and Rose Fournier. Pres. Leon J. Davis was involved in the closing stages of the talks with management at the State Mediation Board.

## Drug Local Leaders Commend Camp Program

NEW YORK CITY—Officers of the children's Camp Program jointly sponsored by Retail Drug Local 1199 and the Local 1199-North Harlem Pharmaceutical Ass'n expressed satisfaction following a two day trip to the camps last week.

Launched this year through funds collected from among 1199ers and drug store employers, the program has resulted in summer vacations for 20 children of union members at interracial camps.

The 20 children were selected to go to camp following interviews with 100 applicants conducted by a committee representing both sponsoring organizations.

500,000, based on sales up to the present.

Among the other cooperative activities run by District 65 are the Optical and Pharmacy Departments on the 9th floors. These departments are run, as is Consumer Service for members only.

Glasses can be purchased for a nominal in the Optical Dept. The Pharmacy is one of the largest in New York, based on more than 200 prescriptions compounded daily.

## Bond Clothes Pact in Boston

BOSTON, Mass.—The employees of Bond Clothes, members of the New England Joint Board of RWDSU, approved a settlement including wage increases and vacation improvements, while in another retail shop to submit the issues voluntarily in accordance with the contract. An arbitration board of three, with an impartial court-designated chairman, was conducting a personal investigation to determine the facts by visiting other flower shops in the Boston area.

The arbitration hearings were conducted for the union by Joint Board Pres. Joseph Honan, Business Rep. Irving Rich, George Bossi, M. Goodman and attorney Harold Roitman.

In the Olympia situation, arbitration of the contract dispute came only on a court order, since the employer refused



## feature section

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# 'No-Raid' Pact: A First Step To Labor Unity

**N**INETY-SIX international unions last month put their names down as initial signers of the historic No-Raiding Agreement between AFL and CIO. The total represents 29 of the 33 CIO affiliates and 67 of the 111 AFL unions. With more to come, this concrete action represents a first step toward eventual labor unity. Meanwhile, we can expect fuller cooperation between the two major sections of the American trade union movement.

Among a number of examples of unions in different internationals working together, the most common are joint efforts on community projects and around political issues. More impressive are the instances of close cooperation between unions to pave the way to better contracts by joining forces in contract talks and other joint activity.

Such combinations—labor unity in action—have been in operation between locals of the Retail, Wholesale and Dept. Store Union and locals of other CIO and AFL international unions. For example, a group of locals whose members work in Quaker Oats plants around the country have been meeting on the initiative of the RWDSU as the Joint Council of Quaker Oats Locals.

Included in this group are the four RWDSU Quaker Oats unions plus the CIO Brewery Workers of Akron, Ohio, the CIO Packinghouse Workers of Peterborough, Canada, and the AFL Grain Millers of Sherman, Texas. Fruits of the joint efforts of this group have been evident in last year's round of wage increases, in solving grievances common to all the plants, in presenting a solid front to management of the Quaker company on such issues as wage differentials between north and south.

Even as this is written plans are under way for a second session of the Joint Quaker Oats Council to complete a joint program for contract negotiations in several plants.

Elsewhere in RWDSU a beginning was made in mounting a joint campaign on contract issues with the Campbell's Soup Co. Negotiations between RWDSU Local 194 and the Chicago plant last year had observers from both AFL and CIO unions whose members work at other Campbell plants, and the Chicago RWDSUers look forward to future trading in experience and aid with the same groups.

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PRESIDENTS of AFL and CIO led off in signing of historic No-Raiding Agreement on June 28. AFL Pres. George Meany signs as Walter Reuther looks on. RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg is shown on Page 1 signing the same document.

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UNITY IN ACTION is demonstrated by Quaker Oats Council embracing CIO, AFL locals that deal with company, in which RWDSU plays leading role. CIO representatives on Council shown above include Council Pres. James Walsh of RWDSU Local 125, St. Joseph, Mo. (seated, center), Pres. Sam Clark of RWDSU Local 110, Cedar Rapids, Ia., (seated, second from right) and RWDSU Rep. Al Evanoff of Chicago (standing, left).



# MOVIES

in  
review

## The Caine Mutiny . . . Good

The movie version of Caine Mutiny holds your attention but is essentially a disappointment. Aside from the finely drawn characterizations of the mutineering Lt. Maryk by Van Johnson, and that of his defense lawyer, by Jose Ferrer, there is little in it to rave about.

Caine Mutiny has been a best selling book and a play which became the subject of much controversy, but the movie version fails to maintain their stature. You get a sense that something powerful has reached a state of dissipation. Humphrey Bogart's Capt. Queeg is slightly phoney. The famous court martial scene loses its punch because it no longer brings the plot to a head.

Thanks to the all-seeing camera we have previously seen Queeg, suspected by his senior officers to be mentally ill, crack during a dangerous typhoon, and finally lose control of his ship. The court room scene is anti-climactic.

Ferrer's performance as the defense lawyer is one of the tightest and most exciting in the film, but this mood is not sustained. Among the best scenes are those which show the crew's growing resentment for Queeg's iron regime and mania for regulations. There's plenty of excitement in the fury of the Pacific typhoon about to bury the mine sweeper in mountainous waves as the tension among the crew increases.

A sub-plot involving one of the officers and a night club singer of whom his mother doesn't approve gets in the way of the real drama of the film, which is the struggle against unreasonable authority, even though there is a slight hint that it's part of the same problem.

—EILEEN FANTINO

## The Student Prince . . . Good

Any resemblance between "The Student Prince" of yesteryear that made the rounds perennially on the Broadway stage and the hinterlands, and the current film is hardly intentional but strictly coincidental. The locale of this bit of summer fluff designed to take your mind off the high humidity, is still the University of Heidelberg. Edmund Purdom as Karl France, heir apparent to the throne of Karlsburg, makes what he can of a rather stuffy gent—sorry, I mean prince—who is attending the university to absorb warmth and charm. It seems the young princess to whom he is betrothed considers him to be somewhat of a "Prussian Pickle". In no time at all he is as warmblooded a male as you'd want and Kathy, a barmaid at the local inn, is ready to run away with him. Ann Blyth handles the beer mugs adequately and also manages to sing the delightful Sigmund Romberg score along with Mario Lanza's voice as it booms out of Prince Karl's throat.

Surrounding these two attractive young people are Louis Calhern as the grandfather of the Prince, and the present king. Calhern, as usual, makes his role quite believable. Edmund Gwenn as the young Prince's tutor has several quietly funny bits of dialogue scattered throughout the film, and S. Z. "Cuddles" Sakall does his usual frustrated, blustering, lovable old man.

As royalty and bar maids are hardly ever permitted to live happily ever after, even in the movies, our student prince and his lovely lady accept their fate, part with tender emotion and go their separate ways. It's very sad, but you'll get over it. On a hot July afternoon Heidelberg is not a bad place to while away an hour or two.

—BEA ECKSTEIN

## THE RECORD RECOMMENDS

### Excellent

Lili

Side Street Story (It.)

Genevieve

Knock on Wood

Mr. Hulot's Holiday

Cinerama

### Good

The Caine Mutiny

The Student Prince

Executive Suite

Man With a Million

Scotch on the Rocks

Three Coins in the Fountain

About Mrs. Leslie

## letters to the editor:

### 'Free Rider's Creed'

The dues-paying member is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

He provideth me with paid holidays and  
vacations so I may continue to lie down,  
idle, in green pastures beside the still  
waters.

He restoreth my back pay.

He guideth my welfare without cost to  
me.

Yes, though I libi and pay no dues from  
year to year, I fear no evil for he pays  
my way and protecteth me.

The working conditions he provideth, they  
comfort me.

He annointeth my head with the oil of  
seniority.

He fighteth my battles for pay raises.

Yes, my cup runneth over with benefits.

Surely, his goodness and union spirit will  
follow me all the days of my life, free  
of cost.

And I shall dwell in the union house he  
hath built forever, and allow him to pay  
the bill.

Submitted by Members of  
Local 110, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

### Likes 'Record'

Congratulations to the winners of the  
"Name Your Union Paper" contest.

Also, to the editorial staff. The well  
chosen name "Record" is by all means an  
excellent one and I am sure all our offi-  
cers and members coast to coast are  
enthused and impressed with the issues  
to date. Really, another record for the  
entire membership of the CIO.

Keep up the fine work and all will  
eagerly be looking for good news and  
pictures in future issues which will make  
our new publication "second to none" in  
labor circles.

ROY S. BROWNING  
Local 379, Moores Unit, Newark, Ohio

### Death of a Salesman

Don't get me wrong — I am for the  
working man all the way. But sometimes  
we meet one who stretches the limit of  
our patience.

A few days ago I answered an ad in

one of the papers. The next evening I  
received a visit at my home from a sales-  
man. He did everything to convince us  
that his product was just what the doctor  
ordered. All during his explaining he  
wore a wide grin across his face. Now,  
Mr. Editor, don't you think that was out  
of order, especially when he was selling  
burial plots?

"Just take a look at these grounds,"  
he suggested. "They are within walking  
distance of the town!"

We gently but firmly escorted him to  
the front door. "What are your objec-  
tions?" he asked. We replied, "There are  
no movie theaters nearby!"

JACK RANDELL  
(Husband of Elsie Randell)  
Saks-34th St. Dept. Store  
Local 2, New York

### Member Answers Attack

On July 1, 1954, I noticed in the "World  
Telegram" a letter written by a John  
Keely, with the title "Executive Member  
Local 3, District 65." What surprised me  
was the fact that a member of our Union,  
employed in a department store would  
choose to write to this paper rather than  
airing his differences in the Union,  
through the Union paper and at member-  
ship and Executive Board meetings.

Take the comments of Keely on our  
Security plan. Rather than seeing this as  
a shield and protection for the members  
of District 65, including the department  
store workers, who have all benefited  
from this fine plan, Keely sees this as  
something that should be "regulated" and  
by whom? By no less than the same peo-  
ple who are very busy regulating Unions  
through the Taft-Hartley Act, to the  
detriment of union members. We get  
regular reports in our Union paper on  
the Security plan. If Brother Keely is  
foolish enough to fall for this stuff,  
planted by anti-union employers in the  
press about union security plans, I am  
sure that few other people will fall for  
this nonsense.

If Brother Keely is really concerned  
about the welfare of the department store  
workers he should use our union machin-  
ery to argue these things out, and he  
should, as an Executive Board member,  
alert his members to the dangers of more  
"regulation" of unions, and put the heat  
on those in Congress and Albany to stop  
playing the game of anti-union employers.

MAX SILVERMAN  
Dry Goods Local—Dist. 65 (NY)

## Union Wins on Stage



NUMBER ONE HIT of the current New York theatrical sea-  
son is "Pajama Game," all about a union-management  
dispute concerning 7½ cents an hour, a slowdown and a  
threatened strike. The union wins the raise (with fringe  
benefits we hope); the plant superintendent wins the girl  
and the SRO sign is up on the St. James Theatre. Left to  
right are Eddie Foy, Jr., time-study man, John Raitt, plant  
superintendent, and Janis Paige, factory worker and griev-  
ance committee chairman, all members of Actors' Equity  
Association, theatrical union.



**Food Clerks  
Go Nautical  
On July 4th  
Boatride**

**M**ORE than 3,500 men, women and children packed the good ship "State of Pennsylvania" to capacity on Monday, July 5, for the annual outing run by Harlem Division of Local 338 in New York.

Members and their families celebrated the Independence Day holiday by sailing up the Hudson to Bear Mountain, where picnicking, ball-playing and merry-making occupied the hours ashore.

Good weather helped make it a perfect day for all who attended, including RWDSU Vice-Pres. Julius Sum, president of Local 338, and Business Agent Joseph Overton, who led committee that arranged the outing.



**COOL HUDSON BREEZES** were good reason to wrap up in blankets and cuddle close.



**DEPARTURE TIME** found members at rail looking like seasoned voyagers.



**TIRED BUT HAPPY**, these girls settled down comfortably for return voyage.



#### HOW TO BUY

## Saving on Insurance

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

MANY INSURANCE companies have long had a "hazard" prejudice against industrial workers. Some of the largest refuse to sell low-cost term insurance to industrial workers at all. They reserve such insurance for what they call the "preferred-risk white-collar workers."

For industrial workers, such companies offer only the costlier whole-life or ordinary-life insurance, which is so expensive that most wage-earners cannot afford to carry enough of it to adequately protect their families in event of the breadwinner's death.

Some of the cooperative and mutual insurance companies, and a few stock insurance companies, will sell term insurance to industrial workers, but may charge them more if they are in so-called "dangerous" occupations.

In recent years many union locals have bypassed this discrimination which blocks industrial workers from having reasonably-priced insurance, by arranging for group insurance policies, either arranged through the employer or by the union local with an insurance company.

The regulations covering group insurance and the number of people who must be in the group vary in different states. In general it is the best way to buy insurance since the cost of life insurance can be reduced to as much as 40% below the price you might have to pay for a policy you buy individually.

#### Credit Union Insurance

There is further help for industrial workers seeking reasonably-priced insurance. One of our readers active in the credit-union movement, Alfred Kempf, of Euclid, O., points out that the credit unions now make available to members most types of insurance.

If you belong to a credit union you can buy renewable term, ordinary life, mortgage insurance and other types at very reasonable rates. In fact, credit union rates for insurance are as much as 25% below the cost of many commercial insurance policies when individually bought (not on a group basis).

A credit union member can buy up to \$15,000 worth of insurance from CUNA Mutual, the insurance company sponsored by the Credit Union National Association, if \$5000 is in mortgage insurance, or otherwise, up to \$10,000 worth of insurance. The minimum amount of life insurance you can buy from CUNA is \$200.

The beauty of CUNA insurance for an industrial worker is that there is no discrimination. A worker can not only buy renewable term insurance, but need pay no higher premiums because of occupation.

CUNA's premium rate per \$1000 of term insurance (five-year renewable term) is only \$8.93 for a man aged 35. For a man of 40 the five-year renewable term insurance is \$10.22 per \$1000 of coverage. These rates are further reduced by dividends so the actual cost of the insurance is lower.

Members of credit unions can get rates and other information by writing to Cuna Mutual Insurance Society, Madison, Wisc. (Canadian headquarters are in Hamilton, Ont.). If you are not a member of a credit union, which is primarily a co-operative, self-help savings and loan association, you should investigate whether you are eligible to join one.

## Your Family's Health

# CROSS EYES & EYE EXERCISES

By Doctors of the 65 Security Plan

ONE of the most common eye disorders in children is strabismus, or cross eyes. As soon as parents discover that a child's eyes are crossed they should obtain a consultation with an eye specialist. Under no circumstances should they assume that the eyes will straighten out by themselves.

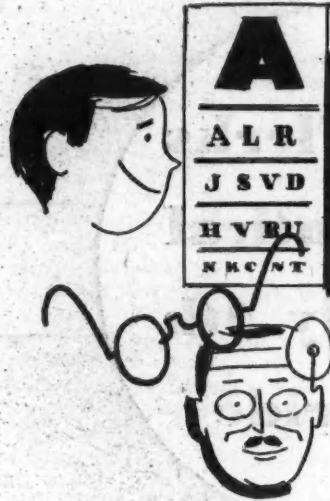
It is true that in an occasional child the eyes may cross temporarily because of fatigue or nervous strain. But where the cross eyes recur frequently or persists it should not be assumed that there will be an automatic recovery or that the child can see just as well.

#### True Also for Children Who Are Very Young

This is true even when the child is under one year of age, because persistence of cross eye for more than a few weeks may result in gradual loss of sight in the crossed eye. In many cases the sight is lost permanently, particularly if it is not properly treated.

Eye specialists, or oculists, are physicians who are trained particularly to detect and treat eye diseases. Eye specialists will determine in each case whether glasses will correct the condition, or whether an operation is necessary. If surgery is necessary the sooner it is done the more quickly will sight be restored.

In some cases doctors can operate as early as one year of age. Waiting until the child is of school age, that is five or six, may result in permanent loss of vision in the crossed eye. This kind of disability is particularly regrettable because proper medical or surgical treatment can easily cor-



Drawing by Stanley Glaubach

rect the crossed eye and restore or improve vision.

Many articles have recently been written about eye exercises. Some people claim that by carrying out prescribed exercises they can do without glasses to which they have become accustomed. It is true that carefully controlled eye exercises under the supervision of an eye specialist can help certain "functional" disorders of sight, in children and adults.

#### Eye Exercises Not Cure-all

But it should be remembered that eye exercises cannot correct ordinary far sightedness, near sightedness, astigmatism, or other physical disorders of the eyes. For those who really need glasses these special eye exercises are usually a waste of time.

It is true that in some instances eye exercises have resulted in improvement of vision in persons with refractive errors, but this improvement has been slight and temporary. For those with really bad visual disorders eye exercises may even be dangerous.

## Night Driving Precautions

NOW that vacation time is here—a word of caution:

If you are an automobile driver over 40, you are having difficulty seeing at night. This is what the American Automobile Assn. says in a recent survey it made of drivers from the age of 18 to 68. If you are over 40 and driving at night, glare from other cars is reducing your vision, the report says.

The automobile association reports that you will not notice that you have less vision until you reach 45 because the change happens slowly. From 45 until 65 you will notice the change because it is more rapid.

Therefore, if you are 55 years old and have good vision you still need twice as much light to see the same thing at night as does the teen-ager with very good eyesight.

The AAA also asks drivers to be on the lookout for the pedestrian who wears dark clothes, especially on dark, rainy or foggy nights. One out of six accidents, they say, happen when drivers are worrying more about getting their cars safely through bad weather than about people walking on the road.

## Blueberry Cheesecake a Summer Delight

HERE'S a delicious cheesecake all your family will enjoy. It is glorified with a glazed topping of cultivated blueberries, and is as beautiful to look at as it is delightful to eat.

#### Blueberry-Glazed Cheesecake (Makes 8-10 servings)

**Crust:** One and one half cups graham cracker crumbs, ¼ cup sugar, ¼ cup melted butter.

Combine crumbs and sugar. Blend in butter. Press mixture evenly on sides and bottom of 8-inch greased spring-form pan.

#### Cheesecake Mixture

Two 8-ounce packages creamed cottage cheese, 1 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons flour, 4 eggs, separated; 2 tablespoons melted butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 cup thick, sour cream; 2 tablespoons grated lemon rind.

Force cottage cheese through a coarse sieve. Add sugar gradually, then flour. When well blended, add egg yolks, one at a time, beating until very light. Add butter and vanilla. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Stir in sour cream and grated lemon rind.

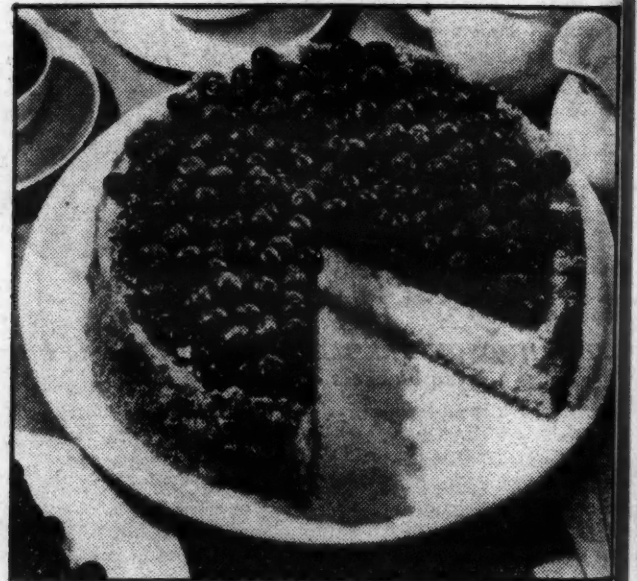
When smooth and not bubbly turn into crumb-lined pan. Bake in slow oven 275 degrees F. 1½ hours or until firm to the touch. Remove from oven and set aside to cool.

#### Blueberry Glaze

Two teaspoons unflavored gelatin, ¼ cup cold water, 2 cups fresh, cultivated blueberries; 2 tablespoons water, dash mace, dash cinnamon, 3 tablespoons sugar.

Sprinkle gelatin over the ¼ cup water in small dish. Wash and drain blueberries. In saucepan, combine 1 cup of the blueberries and 2 tablespoons water. Bring to a boil. Drain berries, saving juice.

Press berries through a food mill or sieve. In small saucepan combine strained pulp, juice, mace and sugar. Stir to blend. Heat. Add gelatin and stir until thoroughly



Blueberry cheesecake, served with a beverage, makes a wonderful summertime eating experience.

dissolved. Let mixture chill until consistency of unbeaten egg whites. Then spread over chilled cheesecake and top this taste-treat with remaining 1 cup of cultivated blueberries.

Chill until glaze firm.

*Note: If frozen berries are used, thaw and proceed as with fresh blueberries. If canned blueberries are used, drain and proceed as with fresh berries.*



Political Action

By MAX STEINBOCK

TEN years ago, come November, Thomas E. Dewey made his first try for the Presidency of the United States and took the shellacking of his political life. The man who administered that drubbing was Franklin D. Roosevelt, and he did it with the ease of an old campaigner. Barely taking time out from his heavy wartime duties, FDR gave Gov. Dewey the same kind of lesson he had given to three previous Republican candidates.

Now, in 1954, history has a chance to repeat itself in the gubernatorial campaign in New York State. Tom Dewey, though he talks of wanting to retire from political life, will probably be persuaded by the GOP to make the race. And running against him may very well be the son of the man who beat him a decade ago: Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jr.

In Roosevelt's corner, if he wins the Democratic nomination, will be the labor-liberal coalition in New York State that gave his father whopping majorities in election after election from 1928, when FDR was first elected governor, to 1944.

But the support of this coalition will be given to the younger Roosevelt not merely because of his name,



# FDR Jr.: in His Father's Footsteps?

but because he has earned it in five years as a Representative of the 20th Congressional District.

It is typical of Rep. Roosevelt that his most recent legislative proposal was a comprehensive bill, 300 pages long, designed to halt a growing recession by increasing purchasing power and raising the American standard of living.

"This bill," Roosevelt said recently, "is designed to increase consumer purchasing power by an increase in personal income tax exemptions, elimination of discrimination in employment, expansion of social security, liberalized unemployment compensation benefits, and upward revision of the minimum hourly wage. The more indirect provisions to expand our economy include a planning program for public facilities, public housing for lower-income groups, and assistance to cooperatives which furnish housing for middle-income groups. The bill also includes a program to protect small business from the crippling effects of monopoly, development of low-cost electric power in the Northeast, and a program which will assist in maintaining income standards for our farmers."

## Purpose of the Bill

Discussing his purpose in introducing such a bill, Roosevelt said: "I have tried to show the way the Government can help meet some of the major needs of our people and provide greater economic security for all Americans. It is a comprehensive program, but our varied problems can

be solved better on an over-all basis than piecemeal."

What sort of person is this 39-year-old man who has inherited so much of the looks and personality of his famous father?

## Outstanding War Record

Well, he is the kind of man who left a budding law practice in 1941 (before the U. S. entered the war) for active duty as a naval ensign. He served in almost every theater, commanding a destroyer escort in the Philippines, Okinawa and Iwo Jima campaigns. He ended five years of service with the rank of commander and with such decorations as the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit and the Navy's commendation ribbon.

In 1949, he entered the special Congressional election held to fill the seat of the late Rep. Sol Bloom. Running on the Liberal Party ticket against a Tammany Democrat, a Republican, and a candidate of the American Labor Party, Roosevelt got more votes than the other three candidates combined. Since then, he has run on both the Democratic and Liberal tickets.

His first campaign for Congress in 1949 marked the birth of the first United Labor Committee in New York City. The AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhoods combined to back him then, and they've backed him ever since.

In Congress, Roosevelt has been one of the most active of the liberal

bloc. He has been in the forefront of the fight for low-cost housing, for broader social security, for a responsible and effective foreign policy, for development of the Niagara and St. Lawrence seaway and power projects.

Describing what he considers the real danger to labor from the Republican administration, he said, "The strategy of this Administration is to keep the American people off balance, by requiring us to expend all our energies to make a last ditch fight to keep what we have. They hope by this technique that our workers will be too concerned with holding their jobs to worry about improved conditions."

But he wound up with a prediction and a pledge. The prediction: "The free and democratic unions of our country will not let them (the Republicans) get away with it."

And the pledge to labor: "You have my absolute assurance that I will do my part to help you in this fight."

## A Meaningful Pledge

Coming from FDR Jr., that pledge means something. This young man has demonstrated in war and in peace that he is not afraid of a fight.

What about the future? Only time—and the voters—can tell. But for more than 65,000 RWDSU members and more than a million other union members in New York State, Rep. Roosevelt's candidacy for the post of governor has a special significance.



# Cavil-Cade

By LES FINNEGAN

● IN ALBANY, N. Y., State legislator Wilson C. Van Duzer introduced a bill which would require distinctive license tags for drivers who had been in several accidents. The special tags, said Van Duzer, could be "bright red or striped like a jail uniform or a barber pole." An official of a drivers' union brooded over this briefly and then shot off a letter to the legislator. "Our union truck drivers will go along with your idea," he wrote, "providing you also require trucking companies that don't equip their trucks with the latest safety devices to paint their trucks with bright yellow and purple polka dots."

● IN NOTTINGHAM, ENGLAND, union leaders first planned to file an angry grievance but then decided to sit back and be amused over the telephone company's announcement that it would try to "untrain the sexy voices" of girl operators. The union officials were vaguely sympathetic with the company's complaint that it was almost impossible to keep girls on their jobs because "a girl scarcely completes her training before someone falls in love with her voice and she gets married."

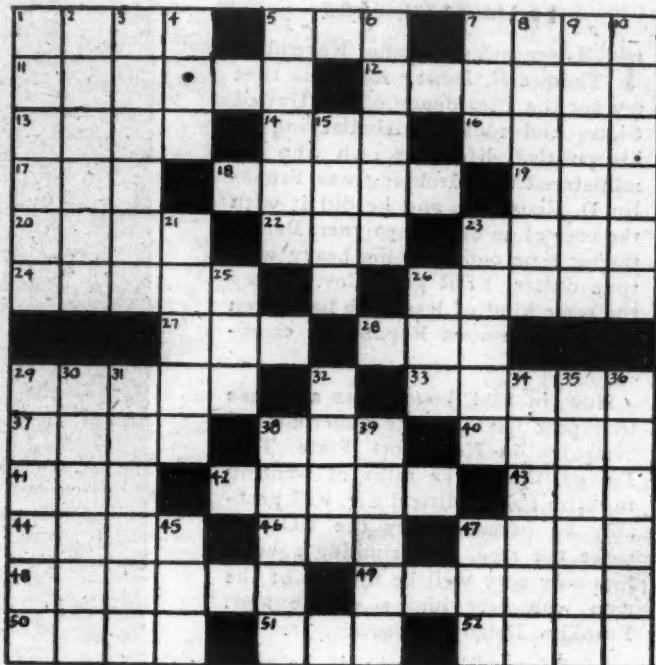
● IN WASHINGTON, D. C., a union newspaperman covering the Army-McCarthy hearings found himself fascinated by McCarthy's answers to questions asked by Committee Counsel Ray Jenkins about the present menace of the American Communist Party. Toward the end of the hearing Jenkins asked McCarthy the names of Communists who threatened Jenkins' home state of Tennessee. McCarthy replied that Jenkins should keep an eye on a Communist leader named Sam Hall. After the hearing had recessed for the day the newsman went up to the committee counsel and remarked, "You know, Mr. Jenkins, I think it would be a better idea if McCarthy, not you, kept an eye on Sam Hall." Jenkins wanted to know why. "Well," replied the reporter, "Sam Hall has been dead for six months."

# RECORD CROSS-WORD

By Honey Arluck  
formerly of Saks-34th, Local 2  
District 65 (NY)

Each issue the RWDSU RECORD will award a \$5 prize for an original cross-word puzzle chosen from those submitted by members of RWDSU locals, or their wives or husbands. Send your ORIGINAL puzzle to RWDSU RECORD, 100 W. 42nd St., New York City 36, N.Y. Winner this issue is Honey Arluck, formerly of Saks-34th, Local 2, District 65 (NY).

- | ACROSS                     |              | DOWN                  |                        |
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| 1. Cease                   | 45. Red wine | 1. Platforms          | 49. Bristle            |
| 5. Piece out               | 49. Negative | 2. Town in Africa     | 50. Musical instrument |
| 7. Thin man's dog          |              | 3. Music dramas       |                        |
| 11. Candles                |              | 4. Fondle             |                        |
| 12. Famous English surgeon |              | 5. Attempt            |                        |
| 13. Instigate              |              | 6. Girl's name        |                        |
| 14. Salt                   |              | 7. Peer Gynt's mother |                        |
| 15. Birds of prey          |              | 8. Narrow band        |                        |
| 16. Neither                |              | 9. Sore               |                        |
| 17. Wise men               |              | 10. Burnings          |                        |
| 18. Esperanto              |              | 15. Epochs            |                        |
| 19. Liquid measure         |              | 21. Television uncle  |                        |
| 21. Japanese coin          |              | 22. Kilns             |                        |
| 22. Unlock                 |              | 25. Born              |                        |
| 23. East Indian antelope   |              | 26. — Baba            |                        |
| 25. Affirms                |              | 29. Strong (Latin)    |                        |
| 26. Rents                  |              | 30. Accommodate       |                        |
| 27. Chemical suffix        |              | 31. Hate              |                        |
| 28. Loud (Music)           |              | 32. Single (Prefix)   |                        |
| 32. Deep                   |              | 34. An officer        |                        |
| 36. Heed                   |              | 35. Runaway           |                        |
| 37. Fish spawn             |              | 36. Revolve           |                        |
| 39. Single                 |              | 38. Mature            |                        |
| 40. Famous author initials |              | 39. Law               |                        |
| 41. — City                 |              | 45. Homicide term     |                        |
| 42. Child                  |              | 47. Buddy             |                        |
| 43. Bound                  |              |                       |                        |
| 45. Hawaiian food          |              |                       |                        |
| 46. "O My —"               |              |                       |                        |
| 47. Pass by                |              |                       |                        |



Crossword Puzzles edited and prepared by Nat Lester and Joseph Manfre, Gimbel Bros. Sign Shop, Local 144.

(Answer to X-word appears on Page 15)





# Talks Set on Wage Raise at Big Florida Citrus Cannery

DADE CITY, Fla.—A negotiating conference between Local 43 and the Pasco Packing Co., world's biggest citrus fruit cannery, was scheduled for Monday, July 26, to discuss company payment of the automatic five cents an hour increase called for in the agreement reached last year.

Set to head the talks are top officers of the RWDSU, including Exec. Sec. Jack Paley, and Exec. Vice-Pres. Arthur Oaman. The latter is now touring the southern RWDSU locals with Organization Dir. Al Heaps.

The contract was settled last year on the basis of an automatic annual wage increase of five cents an hour for the employees, who number up to two thousand in the citrus packing season.

The automatic increase clause contains a provision which gives the company the right to refuse to pay the five cents, and in such a case the union has the right to cancel the contract and strike.

The company has asked a revision in the 5 cent raise, and the negotiations have been scheduled in an attempt to avoid the necessity for the union to exercise the walkout privilege.

## Union Wins 1st Round On Important Beef At Buckeye in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The American Arbitration Assn. has upheld the contention of Local 19 that a dispute with the Buckeye Cotton Oil Co. on overtime pay can be put before an arbitrator and that either party to the contract can start arbitration proceedings.

The AAA has now submitted to the union and the company a list of arbitrators from which each is to choose. This is a victory in the first round of this plantwide grievance, Local 19 officers said.

The grievance began when the company started a work schedule of ten straight days, with four consecutive days off. On the basis of the contract clause calling for payment of time and a half after 40 hours and double time on the seventh straight work day, the employees put in for over-time, but the company refused to pay.

Management said the men were working a five day week, and the ten days consisted of the last five days of one week and the first five of the following week.

When the plant committee approached the company seeking to file a grievance, they were turned down as having no beef, and when they asked the company to arbitrate they got the answer that since there was, in the company's opinion, no grievance, there could be no arbitration. Following this the union wrote to the AAA and after several letter exchanges won its point that the contract provides for arbitration of any issue covered by the agreement.

Members of the plant committee include Stewards R. F. Smith, George Isabel, E. C. Putt and Henry Boykin.

## Miss. Cotton Oil Plants Settle

LELAND, Miss. — New agreements have been reached between Local 180 in Port Gibson, Miss., Local 129 in Leland, and the Port Gibson Oil Works and Leland Oil Works owned by the same management. Each plant employs about 65 workers and is engaged in the manufacture of cotton seed oil.

Negotiations were held June 22 at the company offices in Leland and after several hours the company finally raised its offer to a general 4 cents per hour increase. As a result of this increase the new minimum wage for common labor has been upped to 84½¢ per hour, with rates for other classifications ranging up to 92½¢.

Commissioner Frank Miles of the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service assisted both parties in reaching agree-

The company will be represented at the talks by plant manager Clark Ghiselin and attorney Theo Hamilton, while union negotiators, in addition to the

RWDSU officers, will be Local 43 Pres. Harsley Wilkerson and Sec.-Treas. H. T. Anderson, who is also a member of the RWDSU General Council.



VISITOR FROM CHARLESTON, S. C. while on vacation in New York is Ethel Simmons, center, employed at the big American Tobacco Co. plant in Charleston, and member of RWDSU Local 15. Trip to "big city" provided Ethel and daughter Louise Adams (rt.) opportunity to see model trade union headquarters building of District 65 and spend some time with her daughter, who lives in New York. Ann Groisser of '65' staff, who took the visitors on tour of building, is shown explaining dispatching methods in the '65' Hiring Hall.

## Memphis Members Adopt New Constitution, With Crew Setup

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The Local 19 membership, at its regular monthly membership meeting in June, adopted a new constitution patterned after that of District 65 in New York, local officers reported.

The new Constitution provides for officer posts of president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and three trustees and provides that the officers meet weekly.

The membership of the local is set up in crews, consisting of groups of about 20 members, working nearest each other. Crew stewards will be elected by secret ballot for terms up to two years, but they may be replaced any time a majority of the crew wants to do so.

The crew stewards, together with the officers, will meet once a month in a General Council meeting, where they will review decisions and recommendations of the officers and prepare the agenda and reports for the monthly membership meeting, which in turn, will act on all reports and recommendations of the General Council.

The new Constitution was adopted after several months of discussions starting last February, when a constitutional committee was set up consisting of one representative from each plant in the local.

After about a dozen meetings the committee presented a final draft to the stewards and the membership for discussion at the April and May meetings. In June, after making a few minor changes, this Constitution was adopted.

## Fashion Hit, Dixie Style

Boom in Southern-style crinoline is pleasing to eye—and helps garment workers, too (petticoat sales have jumped 10 to 50% in recent months). This pretty model is wearing—count 'em! — 8 layers.



## The South

## Talks Off at Dairy in Columbus, Ga.

COLUMBUS, Ga.—Contract negotiations with the recently organized Wells Dairies Cooperative were broken off June 25, and the RWDSU filed a petition with the NLRB charging unfair labor practices and refusal to bargain.

The rupture in relations between the union and management occurred when Area Dir. John J. Schuler, together with Int'l Rep. John Scott and Stewards Dan Breedlove and Johnnie Savelle, met with the company's attorneys in what was to have been the fifth bargaining session.

### Petition Found Phoney

Although portions of a contract had been agreed upon, several items were open. At this meeting the union representatives were handed a photostatic copy of a petition, supposedly signed by a majority of the employees, disavowing the RWDSU as bargaining agent, and the attorneys for the company stated that they were breaking off negotiations.

The company was then informed that even, if the signatures were valid and obtained without coercion, such a petition had no validity in the law and that only the Labor Board could decertify the union.

The attorneys for the employer would not accept this, and charges were subsequently filed with the Board, which began its investigation on July 6.

An examination of the petition revealed that four or five signatures on it were signed by one person and that these signatures do not correspond with those on the application cards of the union. It may be that charges of forgery will be filed against the instigators of the petition.

The campaign to organize the Wells plant at the beginning was met with the discharge of the two most active workers, then protracted hearings to forestall an election. When the union won the election, then came the insistence by the employer on impossible contract terms.

Now the company has pulled its "petition" trick—but the Wells employees are determined to fight through to an RWD-SU-CIO contract.



## The Midwest

# 2,000 in Chicago Balloting Re-elect Loc. 194 Officers

CHICAGO, Ill.—In one of the largest election turnouts of recent years 2,021 members of Local 194 returned their local and division leaders, headed by Pres. John Gallacher, to office by wide margins, indicating confidence in the policies of the '194' leadership, Int'l Rep. Al Evanoff reported.

## 4c Offer Rejected At Carnation Milk

MORRISON, Ill.—Employees of the Carnation Milk Co., members of Local 52, rejected a company offer of four cents an hour in the first conference of negotiations for a new contract, Int'l Rep. Al Evanoff reported.

Demands call for a substantial wage increase, four cent hourly night shift differential, sick leave, an additional paid holiday and the furnishing of work uniforms by the company. In addition the employees are asking that the company post all job vacancies.

To this the company at first session responded with a four cent wage offer, a cent for shift differential, and individual wage adjustments for six people. Management also asked for a change in the vacation pay set-up which would cost the workers a cent an hour.

The negotiating committee, consisting of Evanoff, Local 52 Pres. Glen Gsell, Ruth Hanson and Scott Roberts, then recommended to the rest of the plant that this offer be turned down.

Further negotiations are due soon, where it is expected a more acceptable offer will be forthcoming, Evanoff said.

The election procedure called for a "yes" or "no" vote where candidates ran without opposition, and Gallacher was re-elected on this basis by a proportion of 24 to 1 "yes" votes.

Evanoff said that the unity displayed by the members of Local 194 in the election "leaves no question that the local will grow still greater and stronger and will contribute that much more to the strength of our Retail, Wholesale and Dept. Store Union CIO."

Elsewhere in the local the members of the Campbell's Soup Division expressed themselves clearly for the continuance of the leadership of Director Henry Gistover and Sec. Josephine Chlupsa, who were elected by large votes over their opposition.

Gistover did better than 2 to 1 over two opponents, while Miss Chlupsa won reelection by 4 to 1 over her opposing candidate.

In the other two divisions, Chicago Area and Blue Island, the current leadership was returned by the greatest vote ever recorded in those areas.



FOUR TOP OFFICERS of Local 194 are shown immediately after their re-election. L. to r., Recording Secretary Kenneth Washington, President John Gallacher, Secretary-Treasurer Veronica Kryzan and Executive Vice President George White. Membership support for slate of officers ran as high as 24 to 1 "yes", vote margin.

## Agreement Seen Near at Donaldson in Columbus, O.

COLUMBUS, O.—The 100 members of the Donaldson Baking Co. unit of Local 379, have made considerable progress in negotiations for a new contract after two conferences with management, Int'l Rep. Eugene Ingles reported.

Agreement has been reached on nearly all points at issue, with wages the key remaining open item. A negotiating conference was in progress as the RECORD went to press, and it was reported that this conference might result in conclusion of the contract.

The employees' demands, first presented to the company at the end of last month, include a substantial wage increase and improvements in vacation provisions and in the route cut plan.

Also asked were important changes in contract language describing company rights and privileges. The employees are all driver-salesmen.

Ingles also reported, meanwhile, that Ohio Dir. Jerry Hughes had left on a well-earned vacation in Canada's French River country. Last word from Hughes was Sunday, June 27, when he arrived in Sault St. Marie, and it is assumed he's busy fishing.

## Hours Reduced At Mich. Dairy

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—A reduction in the work schedule that will mean a wage rate increase of 13 to 17 cents per hour was agreed upon July 7 in negotiations with Arctic Dairy Co., it was reported by Forrest Powers, president of Local 37.

An immediate reduction in the work week from 48 to 46 hours will jack up hourly rates by 10 to 13 cents per hour. On Sept. 12, a further reduction to 44 hours will take place.

The agreement is retroactive to June 1. A flat figure of \$30 was agreed upon in lieu of retroactive pay for the six weeks for all employees on the payroll as of June 1.

Commission employees will receive an increase in commission rates on a par with the boost in hourly rates.

The agreement was negotiated by Powers, Int'l Rep. Jack Kirkwood, and a committee consisting of Joe Egan, Dixie Reed and Bob Smith.

## Win Stoppage at Post Cereals

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—A five-hour work stoppage of the afternoon shift in one division of the giant Post Cereals Co. plant was settled in the early morning of Wednesday, July 15, when the company agreed to consult the union before invoking any penalty layoffs, it was reported by Forrest Powers, president of Local 374.

The stoppage by more than 125 employees was the result of a 3-day layoff imposed on Jim Gordon, top committeeman of the C and C Division at the Post plant. The layoff was reduced by agreement.

Participating in the negotiations with

Powers were Top Committeemen Jim Eastwood of Maintenance and Freed Messner of Food Processing, and Harry Hamblin, union time study man.

The establishment of the principle of consultation with the union on penalty layoffs was termed an important victory by the union negotiators.

## Local 194 Recreation Program Buzzing

# Softballers Win; Dance a Hit

CHICAGO, Ill.—At long last the cellar dwelling Local 194 Softball Team has notched another win, making two as against seven losses in Chicago Industrial Softball League play this season. The Blue & Gold whipped the group from Motor Cargo 20-2, on June 24, Athletic Committeeman Benny Holman reported.

The Chicago local's sports and social calendar was likewise highlighted last month by a bang-up success in their pre-vacation dance, run at the big, beautiful '194' headquarters. The affair was held to raise money for equipping the building's main auditorium for basketball play this coming fall season.

Still another event in this series took place in June, and it too had a sporting flavor, since it consisted of Awards Night

for the '194' Bowling League, which recently wound up a fruitful winter-spring round of play.

The softballers made their start to what is hoped to be a come-back as a result of Manager Stan Pawlak's juggling the line-up, which Holman says produced a clicking combo with lots of hustle. Behind Kendrick's pitching, the '194' men racked up run after run as if in revenge

for the several bad drubbings they have taken in the season's play till now.

The dance saw well over 500 members turn out. With over 90 degree weather outside, the efficient air conditioning system provided pleasant atmosphere for the proceedings. A number of Varsity softballers served as bartenders at the dance.

Campbell's first shift Filling Dept. collected most of the honors on Bowling Awards Night, with Adelbert Smith receiving the lovely trophy cup and prize money on behalf of the team from Bowling League Secretary Otis Neighbors.

Int'l Rep. Al Evanoff, who's also co-Chairman of the '194' Athletic Committee, urged everybody present to start work immediately on next season's League. He said, "With this past season's headaches and experience behind us, we can surely look to a bigger and better bowling program this coming fall and winter."

## Dance Proceeds Heisted

CHICAGO, Ill.—As Local 194 Sec.-Treas. Veronica Kryzan made her way to the bank with the proceeds from the pre-vacation dance sponsored by the local, a persuasive character, waving a persuasive 38 caliber pistol in her face, heisted the cash and made off.

The money is to equip the '194' headquarters for basketball play this coming Fall. Sec.-Treas. Kryzan quickly announced that there will indeed be a place at headquarters for the Local 194 eagles to dribble, pass and shoot. The money was insured, she assured, and is fully recoverable.

## 5c Raise Achieved at King Cole Candy Co.

CHICAGO, Ill.—After lengthy negotiations the 35 employees of King Cole Candy Co. won general wage increase of five cents an hour in a new contract, although faced by threats by the employer that he would close the plant if he failed to raise wages, Int'l Rep. Al Evanoff reports.

The increase is retroactive to May 1 and the contract is to be reopened January, 1955 for further wage discussions.

During the negotiations it became obvious that the employer was either in the process of opening up another plant out of town or had already done so. It was clear, too, that he intended that there be no union contract at this plant.

The King Cole workers decided they had no other alternative but to stick to their demand for a much-needed wage increase, and under the leadership of Sec.-Treas. Veronica Kryzan and Steward Estella Dewberry, they won. Other members of the negotiating committee were Larcie Richards, Rose Brown, Charles Hardmon and Anne Brown.



# How the Union Was Saved at Piqua Toy Plant



Piqua Products Co. has modern plant in Piqua, Ohio, employs 285 workers. Try was made to pull plant out of RWDSU.



Strategy meeting before vote involves Int'l Reps. Ed Rosenhahn, Chas. Hess, Edgar Johnson and Vice-Pres. Dale Buckius.



Rosenhahn discusses issues with Georgia Finnarn, Rose and Charles Culver, of Piqua plant.



Last leaflet before vote gave union answer to company letter to employees.



Here's reason to smile as results are known. L. to r., Local 250 Pres. Zeno Norris, Johnson, Claire Sampson and Betty Ewing. (Full story on Page 3.)

Canada

## Reject 3% Offer at Key Vancouver Firm

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Reports from RWDSU Vice-Pres. Gerald C. Emory indicate that Local 535 is making slow but steady progress in negotiations with a number of employers.

A key company in the contract drive is MacKenzie, White & Dunsmuir, where the outcome of negotiations is expected to set a pattern for a number of other establishments. However, talks with the company's representatives held during June yielded a company offer of only a three percent wage increase.

Local 535 has informed the company that this "so-called offer of settlement was not acceptable," but negotiations are continuing.

Meanwhile, the union is marking time in talks with Taylor & Pearson B.C. Ltd., a subsidiary of MacKenzie, White & Dunsmuir, while awaiting conclusion of an agreement with the parent company.

In other negotiations, Emory reported a breakdown of talks with B.C. Cooper-

ative Wholesale Society, where newly-organized office and warehouse employees were to be covered by the union contract. Substantial differences on the questions of wages, hours, job classifications, sick leave and vacations have led to a request by the union for the services of a conciliation officer.

The employees of Gordon & Belyea, Ltd., also members of Local 535, were scheduled to attend a shop meeting on July 6, where they were to hear a report on negotiations with the company. A principal demand of the union is for implementation of a pension plan, the cost of which is apparently an obstacle to agreement.

## Local 580 Certified At Martin, Rob'tson

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Negotiations for union contracts for three important groups of members of Local 580 are in progress, RWDSU Vice-Pres. Gerald C. Emory reported. The firms involved are Martin & Robertson, Ltd., Chess Bros., Ltd., and MacDonalds Consolidated Ltd.

At Martin & Robertson, the union has received its certificate of bargaining authority from the Labor Relations Board, an action that has been awaited since October, 1953, when the union first attempted to get this group certified under its banner.

However, the company has appealed the decision of the Board and a hearing was set for July 5, at which time the grounds for appeal were to have been heard.

At Chess Bros., negotiations for a first-year contract were continuing, though the company's objection to inclusion of the union shop provision and differences on the issue of job classifi-

cation made it appear likely that the services of a conciliation officer would have to be applied for.

At McDonald's Consolidated, which is a distributing outlet for Canada Safeway Stores, the major source of disagreement appears to be selection of the union group to which the wage structure will be keyed. The union is demanding a pattern similar to that of the company's own grocery division, while the company is insisting on a so-called area pattern. Talks are still continuing.

### Cross-word Answer

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### Doing the Butterfly

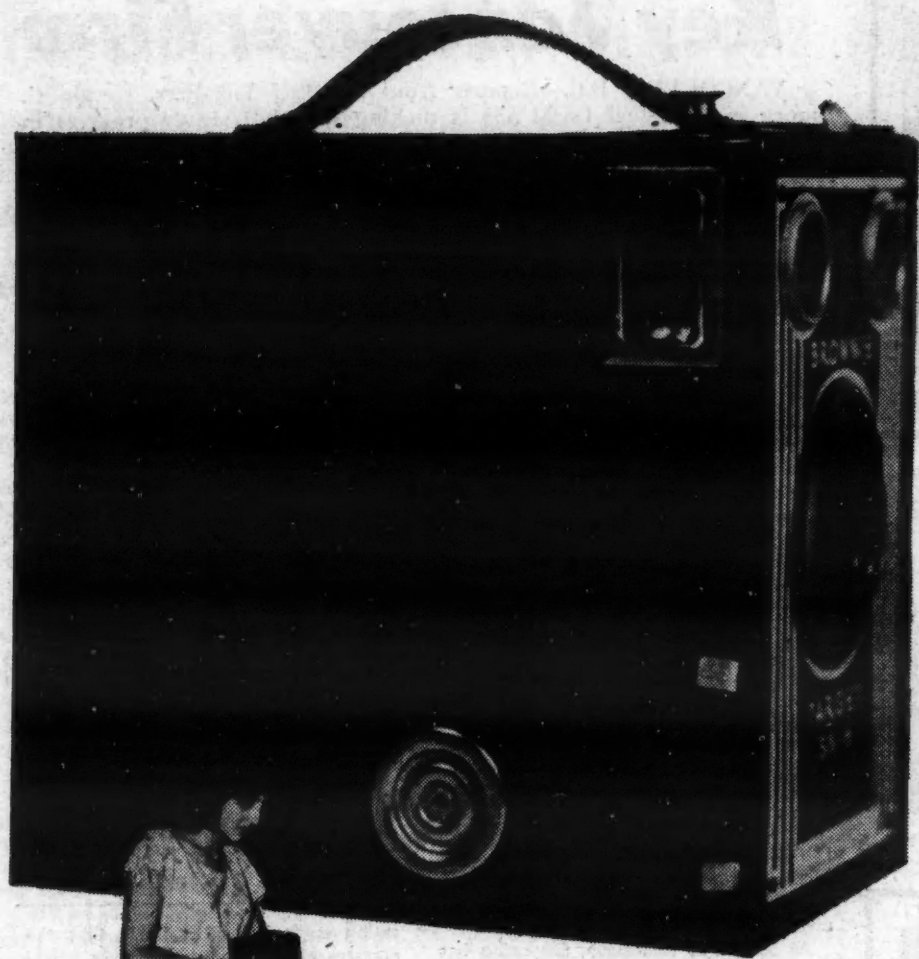
Int'l Rep. C. F. Schubert, Sister Lovat and Art Duhamel were lively trio at dance held by Manitoba Joint Council in Winnipeg. This number is called the Butterfly.





RWDSU RECORD

# Summer Snapshot Contest



**T**AKING ANY SNAPSHOTS this summer? Here's your chance to make them pay off! The RWDSU RECORD summer Snapshot Contest is on!

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